

A.M. Vail Cartshed
North side of Route 438, 1.3 miles
west of Odessa
Odessa Vicinity
New Castle County
Delaware

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ARCHITECTURAL DATA FORM

STATE Delaware	COUNTY New Castle County	TOWN OR VICINITY Odessa vic. St. Georges Hundred
HISTORIC NAME OF STRUCTURE (INCLUDE SOURCE FOR NAME) A.M. Vail Cartshed - (Beers, <u>Atlas</u> , 1868)		HABS NO. DE-234
SECONDARY OR COMMNDN NAMES OF STRUCTURE		
COMPLETE ADDRESS (DESCRIBE LOCATION FOR RURAL SITES) located on the north side of route 438 approximately 1.3 miles west of Odessa town limits.		
DATE OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE SOURCE) third quarter 19th century (construction)	ARCHITECT(S) (INCLUDE SOURCE)	
SIGNIFICANCE (ARCHITECTURAL AND HISTORICAL, INCLUDE ORIGINAL USE OF STRUCTURE) The Vail cartshed is one of the best preserved examples of the use of earthfast framing techniques for rural buildings in the later 19th century. The cartshed is associated with a period frame house and cow barn.		
STYLE (IF APPROPRIATE)		
MATERIAL OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE STRUCTURAL SYSTEMS) Unhewn earthfast cedar posts set into the ground define the structural bays; gable and rear wall framing joined to posts.		
SHAPE AND DIMENSIONS OF STRUCTURE (SKETCHED FLOOR PLANS ON SEPARATE PAGES ARE ACCEPTABLE) Approximately 16 feet deep by 40 feet long.		
EXTERIDR FEATURES OF NOTE Asymmetrical gable roof; open fronted west elevation; vertical board and board-and-batten siding.		
INTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE (DESCRIBE FLOOR PLANS, IF NOT SKETCHED) Unhewn cedar support posts define structural bays to a height of approximately 7 feet; at this point posts are hewn square and joined to the framing of the cartshed roof and walls.		
MAJOR ALTERATIONS AND ADDITIONS WITH DATES None.		
PRESENT CONDITION AND USE Excellent; cartshed.		
OTHER INFORMATION AS APPROPRIATE		
SOURCES OF INFORMATION (INCLUDING LISTING ON NATIONAL REGISTER, STATE REGISTERS, ETC.) National Register of Historic Places (The Rebuilding of St. Georges Hundred, New Castle County, Delaware, Thematic Nomination).		
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